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Missionary News

By Mrs. Muriel Jordan

Since the largest mission stations and the greater number of missionaries sponsored by the United Christian Missionary Society are working in Africa, India and China, it is easy to devote most of the space in this column to news items from these fields to the detriment of the valiant and important work being done in other countries as well as in our Home Mission stations. Here are a few highlights of work being done in these other fields.

Recently a new Christian Church was dedicated in Corpus Christi, Texas, as part of the program of advance of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism of the U. C. M. S. This church is the only Protestant one ministering to a district of 10,000 Latin Americans. Rev. Abel Charles, formerly pastor of the San Benito, Texas, Mexican Christian Church, was installed as resident minister.

A week of study, evangelistic visitation and preaching preceded the formal dedication service and was participated in by a group of Latin American ministers as well as many laymen. Twenty-nine persons responded to the inivitation to become charter members of the new church. Attendance on the first Sunday was 34; the second Sunday it was 59, and has been growing rapidly since.

Neighboring Christian churches in Corpus Christi, First Christian and Prescott Christian, as well as the Church at Robstown, 20 miles away, will aid in carrying forward the program of the new church.

Other Mexican churches established by the Department of Church Development and Evangelism, of the United Society, are located in San Antonio, Robstown, San Benito, and McAllen, Texas.

New Nurses Training School

The Hope Hospital at Aguas Calientes, Mexico, which was started in 1942 to meet the tremendous need for a modern Maternity hospital, has recently enrolled its first class of nurses for training. Miss Jessie Law, R. N., is in charge of the training class and recently gave the girls their caps in an impressive service, to denote the completion of their probationary period. Many Oregon missionary societies have sent hospital supplies and equipment to this most worthwhile institution.

Miss Ruth Leslie, missionary to Mexico, recently returned to her work after completing her furlough in this country. She made a survey of all of the stations immediately after her return and gave these observations: "The people in Los Felix welcomed me enthusiastically. It was most interesting to see what new things are being done, what material improvements have been made, and above all, what spiritual growth has taken place in this rural section of Mexico.

"In Los Haro a well was dedicated. A windmill is on the grounds but is not yet installed. The church that gave the money for the well asked that it be used by the entire town so a way will be arranged for all who wish to get water there. The patios are beautiful with, potted plants, thanks to water from the well. It reminded me of how we struggled to have a few petunias with the waste water from our kitchen and baths! Also, there is a new wind-charger for batteries so our radios are kept in use; a new light plant is on the way so we will soon have electricity. A new missionary residence is being constructed—and of course there is the new station wagon and the garage that houses it—a gift from the

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Visitation Evangelism

There were four schools for visitation evangelism in Oregon this fall. The one at Mallory Avenue resulted in 14 baptisms, 20 added by transfer; one reclaimed and 1 life work recruit.

The one at Salem First resulted in 28 baptisms and 27 added by transfer.

The one at Eugene resulted in 7 baptisms, 39 by transfer and 5 homes were united in Christ.

These were results only that materialized during the first two Sundays of the campaign. There were many decisions of various sort registered on cards which will be materialized later.

This leads us to observe that visitation evangelism has proven its worth. Our churches should use it more and more. But do not make the mistake of attempting to put it on in your church without first being thoroly briefed on the art of doing it by someone who is experienced in it. It is not a substitute for the evangelistic meeting as we have known it. But it is a logical and efficient adjunct to it. It is not heresy to discover new ways of doing things.

Conference Party

125 young people and their leaders met at Salem First Church on November 14 for their regular conference party. The evening was spent first of all with a splendid dinner served by the ladies of the church. Then they repaired to the social hall where they indulged in parlor games under the able leadership of Mrs. Goodheart. The evening was closed with a beautiful and effective worship service put on by the Salem young people. Young people came from as far south as Cottage Grove and as far north as Portland. They accepted an invitation to meet in the Eugene church on February 6. Any conferee in the state is eligible to attend whether they have attended the Turner conference or not.

Northwest Preachers Parliament

The parliament this year will be an all Northwest gathering and is dated for January 20-22, at Eugene. The guest speaker will be Roy C. Snodgrass, president of the International Convention. Travel expense of the preachers will be pooled, and the Eugene church will entertain the visitors with bed and breakfast. Write now to Ross J. Griffeth, NCC, if you plan to come so a bed may be reserved for you.

Northwest Christian College

How many men should be recruited each year in Oregon to serve as pastors? The Crusade suggested 43 in four years. This is approximately 11 each year.

From September 1946 until now, 25 young men of Oregon have enrolled at N. C. C. for the first time to begin training for pastoral service. This does not count those previously enrolled in N. C. C.

Have we recruited enough young men for the Christian Ministry?

Since 1940 the population of Oregon has increased 40 per cent. If the number of congregations of Christians only had increased as rapidly as the general population we would have established about 60 new local church bodies within the state during this same time. These would have required 60 ministers to fill the new pulpits.

But it has not been possible to establish so many congregations because the man power has not been recruited and trained. For convenience we blame this onto the war. But we sincerely pray that we shall not have another war to supply an excuse in the future.

And what of the failure? If, in the next seven years we open even 30 new churches we must have many more recruits than indicated by the crusade goal or our response to it so far. There are not enough trained pastors for present pulpits. Each new year vacancies in the ministerial ranks occur because of death, disability or age. So what?

Every Oregon congregation should seek out from among its youth those young men who, intellectually, morally and spiritually, can be trained to meet the challenge of a great and growing commonwealth for spiritual leadership. What are you doing? — Ross J. Griffeth.

Preachers Parliament

The Northwest Preachers Parliament to be held January 20-22, 1948, promises to be an outstanding event. Approximately one-half of all resident Christian ministers in the Northwest have indicated their intention of attending. Other responses reach N. C. C. almost daily. The details of the program are being arranged by N. C. C. in conference with state parliament officers. Oregon Preachers Parliament officers are: President, Hugh N. McCallum; Vice President, Kenneth Knox; Secretary-Treasurer, Lawrence Bixler.

Chapel Speakers

During the fall term persons who have spoken, or are scheduled to speak, in the N. C. C. chapel include: Dr. Louisa F. Kellems, Professor Emeritus of Speech; Dr. Victor P. Morris, Chairman of N. C. C. Board of Trustees and Dean of the School of Business Administration, University of Oregon; Lester Jones, Pastor Church of Christ, Nampa, Idaho and an N. C. C. Board member; Hayden Stewart, Pastor, Corvallis, who read his father's World Convention Presidential message.

Other speakers are Raymond Baldwin, Religious Education Director for Kansas; Kenneth Knox, Pastor Christian Church, Roseburg; Warner Muir, Pastor First Christian Church, Seattle; Aldis Webb, Pastor Christian Church, Tillamook; Gerald Sias, General Director A Crusade for a Christian World, Indianapolis; J. J. Handsaker, Secretary for Overseas Relief, Portland; Ray Zack, Missionary to the Yakima Indians, McKinley Mission, Toppenish, Washington; Carl Zehrung, Missionary to Alaska; Prof. Wm. Siefke, N. C. C.; President Ross J. Griffeth; Leo Woodruff, former Chaplain planning missionary work on Okinawa; Paul Dean Hill, Pastor Christian Church, Ellensburg, Washington.

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Week of Compassion

The 1948 Week of Compassion will be observed on February 15-22. The minimum goal for the brotherhood is $500,000. All funds, to be distributed through Church World Service will be used for relief and reconstruction in Europe and Asia. Last year the churches of Oregon gave $16,399.14. This is the minimum goal for this year. Last year 64 churches had part in this offering. Why not make it 75 this year?

Vandalism

Last month a gang of hoodlum boys in Turner took advantage of the absence of a caretaker on the grounds and did a great deal of damage. They broke into the tabernacle, tore shutters and window casings off cabins, broke windows in the Centennial Lodge, and did much damage to the caretaker's residence. Total damage is not yet computed but it will be many dollars. The boys have been apprehended and will be taken care of by the welfare authorities. Juvenile delinquency has been on the increase since the war. Much of the blame for this is doubtless due to the spirit of destructiveness reflected by the war years. But parents cannot escape a share of the blame. Discipline in the home is slack. Mothers of children have no business working away from home except in dire need of doing so. Their place is in the home. Above all things the church and Sunday School must also feel the responsibility for failure to influence every child in the community for righteousness. This incident is an argument close to home for "A Crusade for a Christian World."

Powell Butte

This little country church in Central Oregon furnishes the prize story of the month. On November 15 they held a "Lord's Auction." It was so advertised on hand bills. The auction was the climax of a Lord's Acre" project which had started last spring. On the auction day ground products, live stock, and hand made articles were sold at public auction. Proceeds of the day were: Ladies' Bazaar, $500; barbecue lunch, $250; auction, $4,000; and cash donations of $1,000. Total receipts were $6,000; and the money is dedicated to their building fund. D. L. Penhollow is the enterprising pastor.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

Bookkeepers, Ahoy!

The following books are being safely kept on somebody's book shelf. They belong on the shelf in our state office. Some of them have been kept for as many as six years. Please take this list and search your book cases for them. If they are on your shelf won't you please return them at once? We have the names to which they are charged but we will not publish them—yet.

"The Boy Problem Solved"
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"The Junior"
"The Up To Date Sunday School"
"Primary Worship Services"

If you have ever borrowed a book from the state library will you not please look over your books carefully and see if you can find one or more of these? If you do will you not return them at once? These 19 books represent more than $25 in money.

Worker's Conference

How often we have heard church school workers sigh because they had no workers' conference. Then, too, we have heard sighs from those who had one but it didn't seem to accomplish anything vital. If you are in this last class read the article in the October Bethany Church School Guide entitled "the Workers Conference." It will help to make your conference spark. In it, too, are some good suggestions for the Educational Committee.

Ashland

The church is making progress in its building program. They hope to occupy the basement in December. There have been 4 baptisms and 20 by statement since July 1. The Bible School is the best in 20 years. Earl F. Downing is pastor.

WASCO—Baptized 1 recently. Have organized a Bible Study group. F. C. Stephens, pastor.

Financial

November Offerings

CHURCHES: Central (Portland) $50; Coquille, $24.60; Falls City, $3; Franklin, $18.75; Kern Park (Portland), $10.42; Klamath Falls, $25; La Grande, $50; Molalla, $25; Newberg, $75; Nyssa, $10.99; Portland First, $200; Salem First, $33.33; Sellwood (Portland), $50; Silverton, $100 (Designated); Tillamook, $14.34; Vernonia, $100. Total, $790.43.

SCHOOLS, Ashland, $28.40; Hermiston, $39.29. Total, $67.69.

INDIVIDUALS: B. Ross Evans, $5.

MISCELLANEOUS: Volunteers of America, $5.25 (Designated).

CONVENTION: Erwin Harrison, $10; Ground fees, $100.

The offerings are holding up well this fall. They are on a par with last year which was our best year in history. Churches must not cease their support because offerings **have been** good. Our budget is the heaviest in history—three evangelists, 6 churches supported, besides the administration program. Send your offerings to the state office.

Child Evangelism

The attention of the whole country is drawn to the rising tide of juvenile delinquency. One does not have to go out of their own community to see evidences of it. What we do not see is the marvellous results that are being achieved in the field of prevention by the church.

A new booklet, "Pastor's Manual on Evangelism of Boys and Girls," is off the press. It was written by Jack Oliver, pastor of the First Christian Church at Coffeyville, Kansas. It is based upon experience. The evangelism of boys and girls is a threefold responsibility—the church, the parents, and the Sunday School.

The manual takes into account the unusual opportunity for evangelism of the Easter season. There is guidance of the minister as he helps his teachers, and parents. It deals with the technique of interviewing children regarding their commitment to Christ. Helps for five sessions of a pastor's class are included.

The manual is ready now. It is published by the Christian Board of Publication, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Youth Week

Youth Week always falls upon that week beginning with the last Sunday of January and closing upon the first Sunday of February. It is interdenominationally sponsored and is designed to bring young people face to face with their Christian tasks. The United Christian Youth Movement is issuing directions for observance of the week in a 16 page brochure. This pamphlet not only describes the objective of the Week but gives a suggested program. It explains in full the Parshad Youth Week Awards. Some of our own young people have won these awards and they are worth working for. If your young people are interested write to The International Council of Religious Education, 203 No. Wabash Ave., Chicago 1, for a copy. They are 15¢ each.

KLAMATH FALLS—The church has purchased 2 lots in Tule Lake, California, and will establish a church. 5 were added October 26. Floyd Ross held a meeting in November. Howard Hutchins is pastor.

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nice, who had been employed for some time at the Turner Memorial Home, have returned to their former home at Milford, Illinois. Mrs. Mildred M. Nedds, of Sandpoint, Idaho, has been employed as assistant matron and office secretary for the Home. W. Taylor Cooper has returned to Roseburg after spending the summer at Turner Memorial Home, giving his services as gardener. The November Home Bulletin announces that there is "a cottage available for any worthy, needy, retiring minister of the Churches of Christ, and his wife. For further information correspond with Turner Memorial Home."

The Byers

David Beasley and Maurinda Byers, both of Multnomah Church of Christ, were recently consecrated as "lay" workers for Christ in Peru. They plan, as husband and wife, to serve as Bible translators. It is our understanding that they are already in Southern Mexico.

Melvert Byers, also of the Multnomah Church, was ordained there on November 2 to become a missionary to China. We understand that he plans to join Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor at Kunming, West China. The Taylors sailed from San Francisco, August 8, and arrived in Kunming on August 20. Relative to his own journey Brother Byers says, "The time of departure is as usual uncertain, but I am aiming at the latter part of next month. It all depends on how fast my passport, passage and visa can go through the proper official channels. I will be leaving from San Francisco and will arrive in Hong Kong about three weeks later. From there I will proceed to Kunming which is about two or three weeks by caravan and six hours by plane. In order to save expenses and time I will take the plane."

The Chandlers

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chandler are getting settled down to their work in Ketchikan, Alaska. On October 1 they began broadcasting a sacred program of 15 minutes, three times a week. The cost of this program is $75 a month. The Chandlers write: "We find that this is giving us a contact with many people who would otherwise be hard to reach. A request has come from some of the women in this neighborhood for an afternoon Bible study class to be held in the homes, and we plan to begin this class the last week in October. The boys and girls often drop in at our home and ask for more teaching, and we rejoice that the adults also are beginning to catch the spirit."

Happy Lads Farm

Do you know about the Happy Lads Farm? This is a Home for boys which has been in process of establishment for several years. It consists of a large building on 120 acres of farm and timber land 13 miles west of Eugene, Oregon, with a beautiful view of the Coast Range of mountains. Though hindered by the war, etc., the project has reached the place where the founder and superintendent, Willett O. Jessee, should begin to realize his dreams of providing a real Christian home for needy boys. The Executive and Advisory Committee consists of Willett O. Jessee, Superintendent; Cordelia A. Jessee, Secretary-Treasurer; Glen L. Vernon, Chairman of the Advisory Committee; W. W. White; C. H. Jessee; and George Alder. The present property includes the following investments: $3,000 from the estate of Lola Jessee, $3,500 gifts from churches, groups and individuals, and $3,000 from earned income of the Jessee family. A recent bulletin says: "Many calls to care for needy boys are being received which must be turned down until our structure is complete. Approximately $3,500 is yet needed to finish this unit which should house some 20 boys. A quantity of bedding, towels, etc. has been received; but furniture, kitchen utensils, etc. will be needed. Numerous items of farm equipment, tools, and other items can be used also." To date eight boys have been given temporary care.

The Sjodins

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Sjodin arrived in Shanghai September 21. Rolland is now in Peiping studying the language. Gladys is in Shanghai. She writes: "Words cannot express the joy that I have had in my heart since I have been in China. China is a very needy land. One cannot imagine the disease, the suffering of these people, and yet they carry it all with a smiling face. I have been spending some time here in the hospital. I teach English in two hospitals six hours a week. I spend six hours a week in observation in the clinic, and in the maternity hospital."

Japan

On October 23 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sims sailed from the Hawaiian Islands to join Mrs. Emily Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Still, and their co-workers in Tokyo, Japan. Ruth Still left Hawaii in September for Japan. Eleanor writes: "Will you please pray earnestly with us that new and permanent workers will be found before Andrew Patton leaves for Japan? Even if we give every second of our time to the work here Rachel and I cannot fill the place of a consecrated minister."

The Franklin Smiths

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smith and Miss Eva Wright are now located at Dilingham, Alaska. Franklin writes: "Here our boys can attend school while we minister to this growing church. Also from here I can fly and preach in many villages where people are anxious for Christian services." Speaking of the need of a missionary family at Ekwak he says: "It is unfortunate that the mission buildings stand empty while souls are begging for the gospel. On our last weekly trip to Ekwak several men and women stated their intention of being baptized soon." Speaking of the reconsecration of a young man baptized at Dilingham, he writes: "The priests (of the Russian Catholic Church.-J. F. C.) are making a greater effort to hinder those who would become Christians, and have recently been telling them that if they are baptized they will soon die, One more woman from that church has made her confession and will be baptized immediately."

India

O. D. Johnson writes from Landour, Mussoorie, U. P., India, that contrary to recent information he will not be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rash, Leah Moshier, Dolly Chitwood and Mr. and Mrs. Rempel in their work; but that he commends the same "without any reservation."

Northwestern Christian Home

By Walter L. Myers

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Two sisters, the Misses Miller, are new guests joining the Family of Northwestern Christian Home on November 12.

Mrs. Judson Brown suffered the misfortune of breaking her hip and was taken to the Emanuel Hospital in Portland for necessary care.

Mrs. Royce and Mrs. Bunnell have been seriously ill for some time. Mr. Drollinger was among the ailing, but is better.

Welcome Visitors

Mr. George Martin, Treasurer of our Board, and Mr. Wilbur Hensley, pastor at Gladstone, came to provide an evening of entertainment with pictures of "The Life of Lincoln." Among November visitors was a party from Albany including the pastor, Orvlile Mick.

Food Contributions

In addition to a gratifying amount of canned food coming into our store house other welcome supplies have been honey, from Centerville, Washington; money, from Friends for Thanksgiving dinner; pears, from Medford; cauliflower, cabbage and squash, from Yamhill.

Toward Greater Service

An event of interest in the ministry of our Homes for the Aged took place in Marion, Indiana, on November 9, when ground was broken to begin construction for the enlargement of the Emily E. Flinn Home.

Christmas Offerings

When these lines reach their readers we will be near to Christmas which is a date of great significance in the ministry of benevolence. For many years this has been the time of offerings to support the benevolent work done through the Homes for Children and Homes for the Aged of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church. This offering means a half year of living for about 1,300 people in these Homes, for more than half of the annual contributions for this work come in the Christmas offerings. We enter the season more anxiously and prayerfully than ever this year because high costs make a good offering an urgent necessity.

Offerings for this work should be sent directly to the Home, or to The National Benevolent Association, as it receives no distribution of funds from other sources.

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churches in the United States; and what a blessing it is!

"At Los Felix, the most outstanding improvement was the new school building which will be completed in time for the next term of school. The spiritual growth in this community fills every Christian worker with joy. Several years ago workers of the Los Nogales church began to visit in the homes here. About three years ago a small Sunday School was started. About a year ago a midweek service for adults was added. Only one who knew the life of the ranchers before that can appreciate what a change has taken place since they opened their hearts to Christ. What a difference Christ does make in the life of an entire community!"

Advance at Hazel Green

A new baptistry, the gift of missionary women of Missouri, was recently completed and dedicated in Hazel Green Academy. At the back of the baptistry is a lovely river scene painted by Mrs. Pearl Hodge, of Kansas City. Following the dedication service on Sunday three young girls from the Academy were baptized.

Other improvements on the campus included a new coat of paint on the girls' dormitory; new floors, new furnishings provided by the women of West Virginia; new quilts and curtains in many rooms; a new "deep freeze" unit; a herd of Jersey cows and calves; Duroc hogs which will be used in agricultural class experiments as well as later providing food for the table.

Jarvis Christian College

Our negro school, Jarvis Christian College, located at Hawkins, Texas, has its own missionary society and recently wrote a report of its accomplishments for the current year. A Nursery School was instituted for the small children of the students which has gained national recognition. They sent a large delegation of young people to youth conferences and have shared in all state, national and local missionary goals. Their motto is, "Education pays dividends; ignorance is waste."

New Laymen's Leader

W. H. McKinney has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Department of Men's work in the U. C. M. S. He is a man of deep conviction and consecration; is eminently qualified by training for such work, having spent 3 years in post graduate work at Yale University and later served as pastor of churches in Wheeling, West Virginia and in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He writes concerning his work of head of the Laymen's League: "The Laymen's League was established to encourage men to get under the load and give a lift to ALL programs of the local church and brotherhood which are designed to help build better people, better churches, better communities and a better world. The power wrapped up in the men of our churches is unlimited. Our trouble has been that we have not used enough of this power. World missions, for example, is a man-sized job. Too long we have allowed our women to carry the heavy end of the load. It is our hope and prayer that we may be used of God in harnessing more of this power to the great tasks of the kingdom."

Forest Grove

The State Secretary visited Forest Grove on the morning of November 16. We found them worshipping in the administration building of Pacific University. They have free use of the building including the auditorium and sufficient class rooms. This has been very gracious of the college authorities. There were 3 confessions of faith and 3 added by transfer during the invitation. The new building is fast nearing completion and it will be a dream—the latest word in church architecture. They hope to use the basement by December and to dedicate in February. These are hopes, not plans. J. D. Harden is the happy pastor.

HERMISTON — Two added November 23. Albert L. Kribs, pastor.

Clyde Freeman Called by Ninety and Nine

By Ed P. Dewees

Clyde R. Freeman, of Eugene, has been called as field evangelist for the Ninety and Nine during 1947-48. He has been a member of the Oregon City and Milwaukie churches and has completed a major part of his work at Northwest Christian College in preparation for the ministry. He recently closed a pastorate at Marcola, desiring to enter evangelistic work.

Clyde is married and has two children, Eddie and Shirley. Mrs. Freeman is doing her bit for the building of the kingdom by working part time in the N. C. C. cafeteria. Their home is located at 1905 Arthur St. (mail address, Rt. 3, Box 522), Eugene, just a few blocks from the West Eugene chapel.

Before accepting the call to serve with the Ninety and Nine Clyde held meetings at Irving and Scotts Mills. As this copy is written he is planning to work with the Detroit church as ad interim minister during December and will conduct a thorough calling campaign in the Detroit-Idanha area. Our congregation is the only one in Detroit and we face a great opportunity of service as the town and vicinity prepares to accommodate the influx of workmen for the building of the Detroit dam on the North Santiam. Already every possible dwelling place is occupied as the construction crews are busy on the relocation of the North Santiam Highway.

Churches desiring the service of Brother Freeman may contact him directly or write to Martin Kullowatz, 9053 S. W. 36th, Portland 1.

Johnston at Rockaway

Coast District Ninety and Niners met at Rockaway on November 4, enjoying a fine venison feed served by Rockaway ladies. Jim Kimsey, Garibaldi pastor, led the song service. Prayer was offered by Ted Boyer, of Garibaldi, after which President A. J. Swett conducted the business of the evening, featuring reports from the churches represented and from the state work. Plans were made for the drafting of a district budget and an offering of $32.58 given for the state budget.

Greetings from the Willamette district were tendered by Harold Stapleton, president of the Dallas Ninety and Nine. Kenneth Johnston, Dallas minister, brought an inspiring message on the subject, "A Prayer for the Right Kind of a Man."

Newport to Organize

On Sunday, November 16, it was the privilege of your reporter to bring the morning message in the Newport church. Following this service a potluck dinner was held with the men of the church being honored guests. Abe Friesen, Willamette District president, and Ike Bartel, State Vice President, were also present (Ike having visited the morning service at Toledo). An informal discussion of the Ninety and Nine work was opened by Brother Eldon Wildanen, Newport pastor. The guests were called upon to explain the various district and state projects and following these talks temporary officers were elected to head up plans for a permanent organization. Rea Reaves, Bible School superintendent, is the temporary president and E. W. Buckner the secretary.

Tentative plans were made for a meeting in January to which delegates from the Coast, Yamhill, and Southwest districts would be invited along with representatives from the Willamette District churches.

Wives are Guests

The Southwest District monthly meeting was held at North Bend on November 17 with the wives of the men present as guests. They proved very valuable assistants in the serving of the pot-luck dinner at the community hall which preceded the program held in the North Bend Church. President Henry George conducted a short business meeting at the hall. Earl Soward, Coquille minister, outlined the calling plan adopted by the Coquille men. Other reports on local and state work were made.

At the church, Jack Triplett, local president served as program chairman. After a song service he called on Ike Bartel, state vice-president in charge of boys' work, to give a word on behalf of Boys' Camps. Next a skit was put on by members of the North Bend Church to illustrate "long distance religion"—via radio. The featured character was "Sime Sledge," long famed in the Lookout cartoons. His experiences in worshipping at home on Sunday morning provided many laughs, but also proved to be an effective sermon on church attendance.

Woodburn Church Host

The Willamette District rally was held at Woodburn on November 3 with a dinner served by the Woodburn ladies. Don Leavitt, of Monmouth, was the song leader. President Friesen conducted the business meeting and Orville Mick was the guest speaker of the evening. Pledges and offerings received enabled S. H. Holt, treasurer, to forward a check for $123.34 to bring the district share in the state budget to date up to $425.

Roseburg Men Busy

A report from Roseburg reveals that the regular monthly meeting of the men there was held on November 17 with 30 present for the pot-luck dinner and program. Ward Rice was the guest speaker and special music was furnished by. Richard Merriman, Donald Yates, and Ray Renzema, from N. C. C. Frank France, president, presided over the business session in which plans for future work were discussed. The next meeting will be held on December 15. It is to be a family meeting with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30. Gifts will be brought to be sent to some Home. Paul Keith is program chairman.

Yamhill Rally

Yamhill Ninety and Niners met at Amity on November 17 and enjoyed a preview of Thanksgiving with a turkey banquet being served by Amity ladies. The N. C. C. quartet was present and sang two numbers at the tables. The program in the church auditorium opened with a ringing song service and was followed by two more selections by the quartet. After a few words from President Griffeth, of N. C. C., program chairman Clifford Dobbins introduced Grant Cole, McMinnville minister, as the guest speaker. His timely message was followed by the business of the evening, President Beasley presiding.

In finance a balance of $129.49 was reported. $129 was voted toward the state budget and the evening offering of $50.37 was voted to N. C. C. A budget of $1,000 was voted with $675

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Obituary

Mrs. Lucy Huddleston, Willamina, died of a heart attack while teaching, on November 13, 1947. It was a great shock to the whole church. Our sympathy to the loved ones who are left.

Ancil F. Linn, died at his home in Hood River Valley on November 20. He leaves his wife, a brother and a foster son, Lewis Crapper. Brother Linn had been a life long member of the Christian church. In his earlier life he prepared for the ministry, being a member of the graduating class of 1906, Eugene Bible University. His life was spent mostly in farming and he preached the gospel with his money. Many thousands of dollars went into Christian work. The state secretary conducted the funeral assisted by Hugh Foster and Ross J. Griffeth.

LEWIS MONTGOMERY, of the Portland First Church, died November 2, 1947, after a proctracted illness. He leaves a wife, 4 children and many other relatives. He was a leading spirit in the old Central Church in Portland. His life long vocation was the timber industry. His life was thoroly consecrated to Christ. The service was conducted by C. F. Swander who had been a long time friend of the family.

Monmouth

We had the pleasure of worshipping with the Monmouth church in the evening of November 16. The attendance was not large but was marked with a goodly number of youth. The secretary gave a message on state missions and it was appreciatively received. Don Leavitt is the pastor and he is developing a fine work. Monmouth is one of our old landmark churches and has a place in the sun.

Parkrose Project

The church building in Parkrose is rapidly rising on its foundation. Elery Parrish is canvassing the community and is meeting with encouragement. Brother Arnett, of the Kern Park Church, is the superintendent of the work and that insures good workmanship and as small costs as possible. Keep your eye on Parkrose.

North Plains

The church is endeavoring to build a parsonage so the pastor, Ralph Holcomb, may live on the field. Labor has been mostly donated thus far. The church's funds are exhausted and assistance of sister churches would be greatly appreciated. Any churches, or individuals, so minded may send a contribution to Ralph Holcomb, N. C. C., Eugene.

Dufur

Dufur is not a big city nor a big church, but they do have a live work going on there. A visit all day on November 23 was an eye-opener as to what can be done in a small place. Glenn Warner is the pastor. He conducts a youth center each Friday evening and it is having results in the lives of the young people. More power to you, Glenn.

Newberg

The Bible School attendance reached 300 in November. There was 1 baptism and 5 by statement during the month. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

Northwest Christian College

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Book Review

Dr. W. F. Turner, State Secretary for Washington-North Idaho, says: "'The Apostolic Church,' by Dean Stephen J. England, Ph.D., Bible College, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, cloth, 133 pages; seven lectures delivered at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon, March 12-14, 1946; reveals both scholarship and deep study; develops thoughts both new and old; and is well worth a place in any library. Conversion; Church Membership; The New Life; Church and Society; Organization and Officiary; Days and Ceremonies; Faith and Unity, are all discussed. Many moot questions of our own time are faced squarely and discussed frankly and in fine spirit. Order from N. C. C." ($2.00).

Christian Unity

Paul Deane Hill, Minister First Christian Church, Ellensburg, Washington, made extensive studies in Christian Unity while working for his M. S. and B. D. degrees. The results of these studies are to be brought to N. C. C. students on December 9, 10, 11.

Human Interest Stories

Did you know that we have a writer of human interest stories in our Oregon ministry? Delbert W. Daniels, pastor at Medford, is a frequent contributor of such literature in the Front Rank magazine. If you have not seen them it would pay you to get Front Rank purely for these stories.

Nyssa

This church has been asked to assume responsibility for a community work some miles from town in a newly populated rural area. George Whipple, the pastor, says: "I have insisted, and will insist, upon an absolute New Testament foundation as we understand it." We can trust George!

Portland Central

19 added to the church in October. 8 baptized and 23 by statement in November. The mid-week prayer-meeting reached an average of 100 in November. Miss Helen McGlasson is the new, half time, assistant secretary. They expect to clear all indebtedness by July 1. J. Earl Ladd, pastor.

Cascade Gorge

A new work is being projected at Cascade Gorge, about 40 miles up the Crater Lake Highway from Central Point. No church is organized yet, but a house is being erected and L. H. Camp, of Central Point, and Victor Mitchell, Medford Central, is nurturing the project.

St. Helens

The meeting by Alton Brostrom closed on November 2 with 5 baptisms and 5 by statement. Nelson Cole is the pastor. There have been 17 additions since he began his ministry in the fall. The attendance in all departments is growing.

OAKLAND—Had 103 on Rally Day. The work is gaining and the spirit of the church is improving. Will give $50 to state missions. Hugh Foster, pastor.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE FOR YOUR HOME

By Mrs. Arthur Stanley

Worship Setting: (1) Family sitting around the fireplace with just the lights of the Christmas tree; (2) Place a table in front of the lighted tree. On the table put a Madonna picture with candles by it and open Bible in front.

Carol: Silent Night, Holy Night (first stanza).

Silent prayers.

Poem:

When Christmas eve is here again,
And stars are shining bright,
There comes time to read once more
Of that first Christmas night.
So, from the Bible's open page,
By this small candle's light,
Let all the family hear again
The story of that holy night.

Scriptures: Luke 2:1-7, Birth in Bethlehem; Luke 2:8-16 (Arrival of the shepherds.

Carol: Silent night (second verse).

Scriptures: Matt. 2:1-12, Coming of the Wise-men; John 1:1-4, The Light of men.

Carol: Silent night (third stanza).

Prayer poem: Dear God, Christmas is lovely with lighted trees, candles and bells and shiny snow. Thank you, God, for Christmas beauty. Christmas is the joy of tinkling bells, happy thoughts, and gifts of gay surprise. Thank you, God, for Christmas joy. Christmas is the Christ Child in manger bed with Mary and the shepherds there. Thank you, God, for Jesus. Amen!

Prayers: By all members of the family or just one parent.

Aaron Paul Mulkey

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulkey at Portland, Oregon, November 20, 1947. Of course he will be a preacher like his father and grandfather, only better than either. He has a good voice and already has begun to win folks. Congratulations!

B. Ross Evans

Brother Evans reports closing the meeting at Central Point with 3 confessions, 3 statements, 1 reconsecration and 6 dedications to life service. L. H. Camp, pastor, is doing a fine work.

The Chamberlains

The meeting at Seaside closed with 2 baptisms and 1 confession not yet baptized. It is a difficult field. They say, "Bill and family are doing an efficient work."

Sweet Home

A two-weeks meeting was held by George Alder, of Elmira. There were 4 baptisms, 5 transfers of membership, and two dedicated themselves to the ministry. Glen Vernon is the pastor.

Arlo Bristow

Brother Bristow writes that he will be ready for supply work after the first of the year. He will make dates for next fall. Write him at 1392 Olive St., Eugene, Oregon.

CANBY—John Stone has recently been called as pastor. He comes from the Noti church. The parsonage is nearing completion. D. D. Priest has been supplying.

OREGON CITY—The Parrish meeting closed with 6 baptisms and 10 by statement. Wm. Piper, pastor.

Clyde Freeman Called

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allocated for the state budget. The roll call revealed 99 men present. A word of greeting was given by Harlan Woodruff regarding the needs of missionary work in Japan. The nominating Committee report was presented by Tony Braley, chairman. The report was accepted and the following officers were unanimously elected: Ed Pratt, McMinnville, president; Victor Emmons, Willamina, vice-president; L. M. Kaufman, Sheridan, secretary-treasurer; and Bruce Caldwell, Amity, pastor-adviser.

Eugene Men Elect

A meeting of the men of the First Christian Church was held in Eugene on November 24 to organize a Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood. Following the dinner Dr. Burnett led the singing and Clyde Freeman led in prayer. Several songs by the "singing waiters" of Mom Day's class were very much appreciated. Hugh McCallum, pastor, served, as temporary chairman and reported the action of the nominating committee. These officers were elected: V. L. Hershiser, president; Clint Nesmith, vice-president (to have charge of membership); R. C. Royston, secretary-treasurer; Albert Sicks, publicity; Carl Jasper, program; Russell Maxfield, Crusaders (calling teams); Oscar Bussell, fellowship; and Kenneth Loretz, boys' work. The installation was conducted by Dr. Griffeth, and the message of the evening was given by Wm. Siefke.

St. Johns Entertains

The Northwest District rally was held at St. Johns on November 24 with the ladies of the church serving a delicious baked ham dinner to the 132 men in attendance. Jim Bloyd, of the host church, led singing and Bill Bish and Earl Moore sang a duet. Kern Park won the right to the picture (Christ and the lost sheep) for the largest attendance and Sellwood for the largest percentage of men present. Any group winning a picture four times will be allowed to keep it. The following directors for 1947-48 were elected: G. H. Harvey, Lloyd Arnett, Bruce Saunders, Oscar Howlett, Cecil Bacus, L. S. Rice, Wm. Fishback, Orrin Fraley, Earl Noble, Floyd Shaw. They will hold a meeting on December 15 to select executive officers. Oscar Cooper, Vancouver, brought a message on men as evangelists.

Father and Son Banquet

The Lebanon Ninety and Nine Brotherhood sponsored a father-and-son banquet on November 24 with 142 men and boys present. Holly Jarvis was toastmaster and Carl Greider, blind marine of Salem, was guest speaker. A toast to the sons was given by Lee Scott and to the fathers by Bob McCracken. Special numbers were given by the Young Men's Quartet and Vincent Snyder.

ENTERPRISE—Building an addition to the church. It will have basement room. Edwin Beem is pastor. The state secretary visited them October 12.

JOSEPH—The state secretary visited in the evening of October 12 and found a splendid audience, especially of young people. H. E. Pierce is the pastor and is solving their problems.

MILWAUKIE — 3 baptisms and 5 otherwise during September. Wayne Jensen, pastor.